

<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	10/790,589	EASTMAN ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
	Maryam Monshipouri	1652	

**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☐ This communication is responsive to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 10 and 11.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on \_\_\_\_\_ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)                                   |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)   | 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br>Paper No./Mail Date <u>11/3/2004</u> . |
| 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),<br>Paper No./Mail Date <u>filed 3/1/2004</u> | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment   |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material                                     | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance                          |
|  | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____.  |

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An **Examiner's Amendment** to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this Examiner's Amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ms. Kathleen A. Tyrrell, on 11/3/2004.

#### **Examiner's Amendment to the Claims**

In claim 10, line 3, after "deoxyribonuclease II  $\beta$  enzyme" insert --- comprising SEQ ID NO:2 or 4 ---.

In claim 11, line 2, after "cystic fibrosis" insert --- and the deoxyribonuclease II  $\beta$  enzyme comprises SEQ ID NO:4 ---.

#### **Examiner's Amendments to the Specification**

At page 1, underneath the title insert the following: --- This application is a Divisional of Application U.S. Serial No. 10/240,709, filed 1/17/2003, pending, which was the National Stage of International Application No. PCT/US01/10635, filed 4/2/2001, and which claims the benefit of priority of U.S. Serial No. 09/541,840, filed 4/3/2000, now abandoned, which is a Continuation in Part of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/574,942, filed 5/19/00, now U.S. Patent No. 6,358,723, each of which are herein incorporated by reference in their entirety. ---.

The following is an **Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance**:

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Claims 10 and 11 are directed to methods of digesting DNA either "in vitro" comprising contacting any of murine and human deoxyribonuclease II  $\beta$  enzymes with DNA or methods of digesting DNA "in vivo" using the human deoxyribonuclease II  $\beta$  enzyme alone. Claimed enzyme sequences are free of prior art. Further, the prior art does not teach or suggest preparing such specifically claimed enzyme sequences. Hence, said enzyme sequences are both novel and non-obvious. Since both enzyme sequences are novel and non-obvious, methods of their use, as claimed, are also novel and non-obvious.

**Claims 10-11 are allowed.**

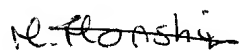
Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Maryam Monshipouri whose telephone number is (571) 272-0932. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00 a.m to 4:30 p.m. except for alternate Mondays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ponnanthapu Achutamurthy can be reached on (571) 272-0928. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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